



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Spartanburg 2 School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 9,850**
Superintendent: Dr. Scott J. Mercer
Board Chair: Mrs. Connie Smith

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Good	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2008	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	7	6	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/24/2011. Districts with Students Like Ours are Districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PASS

PASS	2010 Reading	2010 Math	2010 Science	2010 Social Studies	2010 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	79.5%	79.8%	74.9%	77.5%	80.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.7%	73.8%	70.6%	74.0%	75.4%
Average District	74.0%	70.6%	67.4%	71.0%	72.0%

PASS	2010 Reading	2010 Math	2010 Science	2010 Social Studies	2010 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	46.8%	39.1%	27.2%	33.9%	42.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	42.9%	35.5%	24.1%	32.5%	37.8%
Average District	39.7%	32.1%	21.9%	29.4%	33.4%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	80.1%	12.8%	7.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	81.1%	10.5%	8.4%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2010 (%)

District	92.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	91.3%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	68.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.0%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	78.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	73.7%

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NAEP*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 4 (2009)	
South Carolina	38 34 22 6
Nation	34 34 24 7

READING – GRADE 8 (2009)	
South Carolina	32 44 23 2
Nation	26 43 28 2

% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced	
Below Basic	Basic Proficient Advanced

MATH – GRADE 4 (2009)	
South Carolina	22 44 29 5
Nation	19 43 33 6

MATH – GRADE 8 (2009)	
South Carolina	31 39 23 7
Nation	29 39 25 7

% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced	
Below Basic	Basic Proficient Advanced

SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)	
South Carolina	36 39 23 2
Nation	34 39 25 2

SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2005)	
South Carolina	31 39 23 7
Nation	29 39 25 7

% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced	
Below Basic	Basic Proficient Advanced

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=9,850)				
Retention rate	1.6%	Down from 2.1%	2.0%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.8%	Down from 96.9%	96.1%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	15.9%	Up from 11.5%	19.7%	14.3%
With disabilities other than speech	9.1%	Down from 9.3%	9.7%	10.5%
Older than usual for grade	1.9%	Up from 1.5%	3.3%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	0.7%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	10.0%	Up from 9.2%	19.5%	12.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	69.8%	Down from 70.3%	51.4%	50.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	56.0%	Down from 57.9%	37.4%	31.4%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	38	Up from 33	71	47
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	36	Up from 31	67	29
Annual dropout rate	2.5%	Down from 3.8%	3.5%	3.1%
Teachers (n=594)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.1%	Down from 62.8%	59.5%	58.8%
Continuing contract teachers	78.8%	Up from 75.3%	82.2%	81.5%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	1.4%	Down from 2.3%	2.9%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.5%	Up from 90.1%	91.0%	89.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.5%	Down from 95.2%	95.8%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,806	Up 1.2%	\$47,893	\$46,618
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.7%	Down from 2.3%	0.4%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	16.5 days	Up from 15.5 days	12.7 days	12.6 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	5.0	Up from 4.0	3.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.4 to 1	Down from 23.3 to 1	22.0 to 1	20.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.7%	Down from 90.5%	91.6%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,436	Up 2.7%	\$8,745	\$9,364
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.7%	Up from 53.3%	56.0%	53.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.9%	Up from 56.9%	58.6%	56.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	12	Down from 13	19	9
Portable classrooms	3.8%	Down from 3.9%	3.7%	2.4%
Average age in years of school facilities	18 Years	Up from 17 Years	22 Years	27 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	12.0	Down from 13.0	16.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	91.7%	Up from 90.7%	97.7%	97.1%
Average administrator salary	\$78,992	No Change	\$80,344	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	N/A		N/A	N/A

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Thank you for taking the time to look over our district report card with its valuable information concerning student performance indicators. The Board of Trustees and administration appreciate your involvement in and support of our schools.

Spartanburg School District Two continues to strive for and achieve excellence in the arts, athletics, and academics. School year 2009-2010 proved to be a banner year for recognition of successes—Boiling Springs High was named a Red Carpet School, several schools received Palmetto Gold and Silver awards for academic progress and for Closing the Achievement Gap, Oakland Elementary was a Palmetto's Finest finalist for the second year in a row, Hendrix Elementary achieved International World Baccalaureate School status, Boiling Springs Junior High won the district Battle of the Brains competition, Chesnee High earned state championships in Varsity Baseball and Boys' Track and Field, Boiling Springs High took the 5A Upper State Band Championship, and Carlisle-Foster's Grove Elementary received the State Exemplary Reading Award from the South Carolina International Reading Association—to name a few. Students have competed with confidence and excelled in the arts, athletics, and academics at the local and state levels.

In May 2010, 531 students graduated with over \$18 million in scholarships (a record), while our achievement on state grade-level tests continues to place us among the top 10 in South Carolina.

Our schools are safe. Staff training and emergency drills are conducted regularly, a modified lock-down status is daily practice, all schools have a nurse, and school resource officers are provided at middle and high schools. Camera systems are on buses and in schools. Canine search units regularly visit our campuses. A secure environment is essential for learning.

The Board has worked diligently to provide facilities that meet the needs of our learners and their teachers. Through wise use of resources, the district has been able to do so without approaching taxpayers for a school building bond referendum. Each year, our facilities are reviewed and plans are put in motion to provide for equitable and efficient learning environments in each location. Rainbow Lake Middle School, our latest effort to address population growth, opened this fall.

Spartanburg School District Two is a wonderful place to live and work. The collaboration between the faith community and families enables us to more easily educate your children. Thank you for choosing to live here and for working with us in this most important endeavor.

Sincerely,
Scott J. Mercer, Superintendent

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